

Bucket List-Worthy Places to Visit in Meghalaya – Deyor Travel Edition

Introduction: Why Visit Meghalaya in 2025?

Known as the "Abode of Clouds," [Meghalaya](#) is a paradise tucked away in Northeast India. With misty mountains, ancient caves, living root bridges, and crystal-clear rivers, this destination is made for dreamers, adventurers, and culture lovers alike.

In 2025, Meghalaya is more connected, welcoming, and ready than ever to offer unforgettable travel experiences. Whether you're into nature, heritage, or offbeat exploration, this guide highlights the best [places to visit in Meghalaya](#) that should be on your radar.

1. Shillong – The Scotland of the East

Shillong, the capital city, is your gateway to Meghalaya's charm. With its colonial architecture, vibrant local markets, and lively café culture, it's a must-visit.



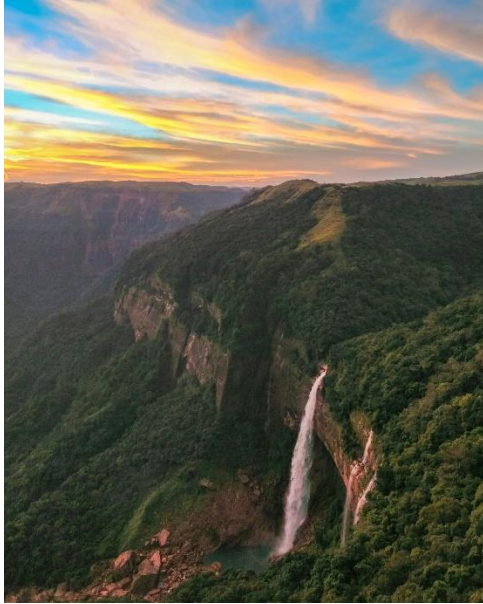
Top Attractions:

- Umiam Lake – Perfect for water sports and sunsets
- Shillong Peak – For panoramic city views
- Ward's Lake – A peaceful spot in the heart of the city

Travel Tip: Visit Police Bazaar for souvenirs and Khasi cuisine.

2. Cherrapunji – Home of Waterfalls and Living Root Bridges

Cherrapunji (Sohra) is one of the wettest places on Earth. But its rainfall gives birth to lush valleys, thunderous waterfalls, and bioengineered root bridges — one of Meghalaya's biggest tourist draws.



Top Places to Visit in Cherrapunji:

- Nohkalikai Falls – India's tallest plunge waterfall
- Mawsmai Cave – Limestone caves with stalactite and stalagmite formations
- Double Decker Living Root Bridge – A nature-engineered marvel

Don't miss: Trekking through the forest trail to reach the root bridges.

3. Mawlynnong – Asia's Cleanest Village

Nestled along the Indo-Bangladesh border, **Mawlynnong** is more than a clean village — it's a glimpse into sustainable and community-led living.

**Highlights:**

- Sky Walk – A bamboo tower offering Bangladesh border views
- Living Root Bridge (Single-level) – Easier hike than Cherrapunji
- Local Homestays – Experience Khasi culture firsthand

Fun Fact: Mawlynnong is 100% literate and practices eco-friendly tourism.

4. Dawki – The Crystal-Clear River Town

Dawki, located near the India-Bangladesh border, is known for the surreal Umngot River. The water is so clear that boats appear to float in the air!

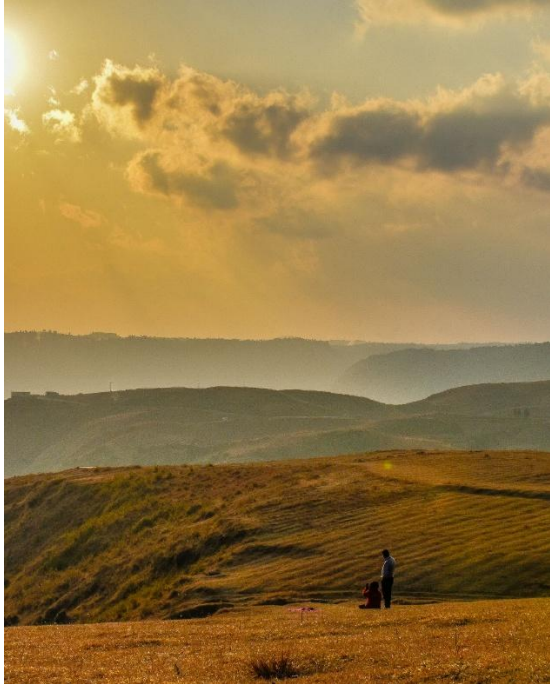
**Must-Visit Spots:**

- Umngot River – Transparent boat rides are a must
- Dawki Bridge – Suspension bridge with scenic river views
- Shongpeng – Ideal for camping, cliff diving, and kayaking

Pro Tip: Visit between November and February for the clearest waters.

5. Laitlum Canyons – The Grand Canyon of Meghalaya

Laitlum, meaning "end of hills," offers breathtaking views of deep gorges, winding trails, and endless greenery. It's one of the most scenic [places to visit in Meghalaya](#) for nature photographers and trekking enthusiasts.



Things to Do:

- Cliffsides trekking
- Sunset photography
- Visit the nearby Rasong village

Best Time to Visit: Sunrise or sunset for a magical experience.

6. Mawsynram – The Wettest Place on Earth

If you're into extremes, **Mawsynram** deserves a spot on your Meghalaya itinerary. This village receives the highest rainfall in the world.

**Top Attractions:**

- Mawjymbuin Cave – Natural Shiva Lingam inside the cave
- Waterfalls – Seasonal cascades all around
- Monsoon Magic – Experience Meghalaya's true essence

Best Time: Monsoon lovers should visit between June–September.

7. Jowai – Culture and Lakes in the Hills

Jowai is located in the Jaintia Hills and is less commercialized, offering raw beauty and a unique tribal culture.



Attractions in Jowai:

- Thadlaskein Lake – Picnic-perfect, surrounded by legends
- Krang Suri Falls – One of the most photogenic waterfalls in Meghalaya
- Tyrushi Falls – Serene and crowd-free

Local Flavors: Don't miss local Jaintia delicacies and their weekend markets.

8. Nongriat Village – For Trekking Enthusiasts

Accessible only via a 3,000-step descent from Tyrna village, **Nongriat** is home to the famous **Double Decker Living Root Bridge** and natural swimming pools.



What's Unique:

- Natural pools with turquoise water
- Stay in eco-homestays amidst dense forest
- Minimalist, unplugged experience

Tip: Prepare for a full-day trek with plenty of water and good shoes.

9. Balpakram National Park – For Wildlife and Adventure

Located in South Garo Hills, **Balpakram** is often called the "Land of Spirits" and is rich in flora, fauna, and tribal myths.



Wildlife to Spot:

- Red panda (rare sighting)
- Elephants, deer, and wild buffalo
- Medicinal plants and orchids

Getting There: A bit remote — perfect for true offbeat travelers.

10. Siju Cave – Among India’s Longest Cave Systems

Siju Cave near the Simsang River is a limestone cave that features grand stalactite formations and chambers.



Why Visit:

- India's third-longest cave
- Ancient fossils and rock formations
- Best for speleology and nature lovers

Pack a torchlight and non-slip shoes.

Best Time to Visit Meghalaya

- **October to April:** Pleasant weather, best for sightseeing and trekking.
- **May to September:** Ideal for monsoon lovers and waterfall views.

How to Reach Meghalaya

- **By Air:** Shillong Airport (Umroi) or Guwahati Airport
- **By Road:** Great connectivity from Guwahati via shared cabs and buses
- **By Rail:** Guwahati is the nearest railway station (3–4 hrs drive to Shillong)

Travel Tips for Meghalaya 2025

- Respect tribal customs and eco-tourism rules
- Pack warm clothes — evenings get chilly even in summer
- Opt for local guides when trekking or visiting caves

- Carry cash — many villages don't accept cards
- Book homestays for authentic experiences

Final Words: Meghalaya Awaits Your Soul

Whether you're chasing waterfalls, walking on living bridges, floating over transparent rivers, or just breathing in the mountain air, the [places to visit in Meghalaya](#) will heal, thrill, and inspire you.

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